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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MMOL, SNAR, BM
SUBJ: BURMESE TO RE-COMMISSION, SELL C-47'S

1. A HIGH-LEVEL BURMESE MILITARY OFFICIAL TOLD DAO OFFICERS
THAT THREE OR MORE OF THE BURMA AIR FORCE'S C-47'S (WHICH HAVE
BEEN GROUNDED SINCE JULY 1976) WILL BE RECOMMISSIONED FOR FLIGHT
AND PUT BACK INTO SERVICE WITH THE BAF.

2. THIS SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT A NUMBER OF THE GROUNDED BAF C-47'S
AND SPARE PARTS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. ANOTHER SOURCE
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD DAO THAT THE GUB HAS ACCEPTED THE BID OF AN
AUSTRALIAN FIRM FOR A PACKAGE OF FIVE C-47'S WITH SPARE PARTS.
THESE AIRCRAFT WERE SAID TO BE ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR NEW
ZEALAND.

3. A MORE DETAILED REPORT OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING
PROVIDED THROUGH USDAO CHANNELS.

4. COMMENT: IF THIS INFORMATION PROVES ACCURATE (THE SOURCES
INVOLVED ARE CONSIDERED GENERALLY RELIABLE), THIS REPRESENTS
A CHANGE FROM BAF'S EARLIER JUDGEMENT THAT ITS C-47'S WERE
ESSENTIALLY BEYOND ECONOMIC REPAIR. IN ANY EVENT, THREE
FLYABLE C-47'S WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE BAF'S
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BADLY NEEDED AIR TRANSPORT CAPABILITY -- A CAPABILITY
WHICH IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR THE SUPPORT OF MOST
ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, THE RE-COMMISSIONED
C-47'S WOULD REPRESENT A STOP-GAP MEASURE AT BEST, AND
WOULD FALL WELL SHORT OF MEETING THE BAF'S PRESENTLY
IDENTIFIED AND PROJECTED NEEDS FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT.
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